

§ 3263.15

We will consider your reasons before we issue any final order.

§ 3263.15 May I abandon a producible well?

Only if you receive BLM's approval. To abandon a producing well, send us the information listed in 43 CFR 3263.11. We may also require you to explain why you want to abandon the well. We may deny your request if we determine the well is needed to protect a Federal lease from drainage, or to protect the environment or other resources of the United States.

Subpart 3264—Reports—Drilling Operations

§ 3264.10 What must I give BLM after I complete a well?

You must submit a geothermal well completion report, form 3260-4, within 30 days after you complete a well. Your report must include the following:

- (a) A complete, chronological well history;
- (b) A copy of all logs;
- (c) Copies of all directional surveys; and
- (d) Copies of all mechanical, flow, reservoir, and other test data.

§ 3264.11 What must I give BLM after I finish subsequent well operations?

(a) Send us a subsequent well operations report within 30 days after completing operations. At a minimum, this report must include:

- (1) A complete, chronological history of the work done;
- (2) A copy of all logs;
- (3) Copies of all directional surveys;
- (4) All samples, tests or surveys we require you to make (see § 3262.14);
- (4) Copies of all mechanical, flow, reservoir, and other test data; and
- (5) A statement of whether you achieved your goals. For example, if the well was acidized to increase production, state whether the production rate increased when you put the well back on line.

(b) We may waive this reporting requirement for work we determine is routine such as cleanouts, surveys, or general maintenance. To request a waiver, contact BLM. If you do not

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have a waiver, you must submit the report.

§ 3264.12 What must I give BLM after I abandon a well?

Send us a well abandonment report within 30 days after you abandon a well. If you plan to restore the site at a later date, you may submit a separate report within 30 days after completing site restoration. The well abandonment report must contain:

- (a) A complete chronology of all work done;
- (b) A description of each plug, including:
 - (1) Amount of cement used;
 - (2) Type of cement used;
 - (3) Depth that the drill pipe or tubing was run to set the plug;
 - (4) Depth to top of plug; and
 - (5) If the plug was verified, whether it was done by tagging or pressure testing; and
- (c) A description of surface restoration procedures.

§ 3264.13 What drilling and operational records must I maintain for each well?

You must keep the following information for each well and make it available for BLM to inspect it:

- (a) A complete and accurate drilling log, in chronological order;
- (b) All logs;
- (c) Water or steam analyses;
- (d) Hydrologic or heat flow tests;
- (e) Directional surveys;
- (f) A complete log of all subsequent well operations such as cementing, perforating, acidizing, and well cleanouts; and
- (g) Any other information regarding the well that could affect its status.

§ 3264.14 Must I notify BLM of accidents occurring on my lease?

Yes, you must verbally inform us of all accidents that affect operations or create environmental hazards within 24 hours of the accident. When you contact us, we may require you to submit a report fully describing the incident.